End of School Year 2018 – NEWSLETTER

**OFSTED Report 2018**

As you are aware, the school had their Ofsted Inspection on the 3rd July. The final report is now available and we are extremely pleased that St Thomas More Primary continues to be a ‘Good’ school.

As you will see in the final report, the inspector comments on “strong standards” in reading, writing and mathematics across the school and at the end of key stages 1 and 2” and that children “have developed the personal and social skills to become successful and confident learners.” The Inspector was impressed that “pupils are articulate and talked confidently with me about their learning in a wide range of subjects.”

The school will take on board the suggested next steps and they will be a focus in the coming months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community – parents, pupils, staff and governors for their hard work and support in ensuring our success in this and the earlier Outstanding Section 48 report on Catholic Nature of the school in April of this year.

A full copy of the Ofsted report will be available on the school’s website.

**Recent Pupil Achievements**

We are very pleased to report that the children in the school have achieved some great results this year and all staff are very proud of them all.

**End of Key Stage 2 – Year 6 Pupils**

(Provisional data for 2018)

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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Reading score</th>
<th>Writing score</th>
<th>Maths score</th>
<th>All 3</th>
<th>Grammar Punctuation &amp; Spelling</th>
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<tr>
<td>30 pupils</td>
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<td>% of pupils at the expected standard or higher</td>
<td>80%</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>77%</td>
<td>73%</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>Nationals 2018</td>
<td>75%</td>
<td>78%</td>
<td>75%</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>Greenwich 2018</td>
<td>79%</td>
<td>81%</td>
<td>79%</td>
<td>69%</td>
<td>82%</td>
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<td>% of pupils at greater depth (higher level)</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>46%</td>
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**End of Key Stage 1 - Year 2 Pupils**

Results from End of Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessments

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<th>Reading</th>
<th>Writing</th>
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<td>31 pupils</td>
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<td>% of pupils at the expected standard</td>
<td>77%</td>
<td>77%</td>
<td>74%</td>
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<td>% of pupils at greater depth (higher level)</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>19%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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Phonics Tests

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Number of pupils taking the test</th>
<th>Pass rate</th>
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<tr>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>Year 2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<td>Year 2</td>
<td>Total number of pupils who have passed the test in either year 1 or 2</td>
<td>29</td>
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EYFS – Reception Class

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<th></th>
<th>Communication</th>
<th>Physical</th>
<th>Personal</th>
<th>Combined prime</th>
<th>Good level of development</th>
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<tr>
<td>All pupils</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>87%</td>
<td>80%</td>
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Class Teachers for September 2018

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<td>Reception</td>
<td>Mrs Worley</td>
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<td>Year 1</td>
<td>Mrs Dada</td>
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<td>Year 2</td>
<td>Miss McGill</td>
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<td>Year 3</td>
<td>Mrs Barnes</td>
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<td>Year 4</td>
<td>Miss Horton</td>
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<td>Year 5</td>
<td>Mrs Ingram</td>
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<td>Year 6</td>
<td>Mrs Collins and Ms LaFrance</td>
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<td>Special Needs Coordinator</td>
<td>Miss O’Brien</td>
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<td>French Teacher</td>
<td>Ms LaFrance</td>
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<td>PPA Teacher</td>
<td>Ms Bone</td>
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In September the school will welcome Ms Bone and Ms Kang to the staff.

School Uniform

Pupils are to return to school on **Wednesday 5th September at 9 am** (children in Reception Class have been given a personalised start date). Please ensure that all clothing is labelled, including PE kits and book bags.

All uniform sales are through JK Clothing
148 Well Hall Road
Eltham SE9 6SN
Tel No: 020 8859 4004

Please be reminded that no jewellery is allowed, including earrings.

PE Kits

**All pupils must have a PE kit in school,** ready to take part in sport activities on any day of the week. The sportswear consists of a white t-shirt, red shorts and plimsolls or trainers. It is important that all pupils are ready to take part in their PE lessons. During colder weather, pupils may wear a plain navy tracksuit for outside activity.

Share the light of Jesus, by learning together and loving others.
Dinner Money

Could all parents/carers please ensure that school meals are paid for in advance by going online and making payments via your child’s School Money cashless account. Meals are £2.00 per day (£10.00 per week).

If you wish to change your child’s meal arrangements, please do so in writing and such changes can only be made on a half termly basis.

Year 6 School Journey

The Year 6 pupils have recently returned from their residential journey to Kingswood Centre, Ashford. Staff report that their behaviour was exemplary and that staff at the centre running the events praised them for their positive attitudes and energy. Children took part in a wide range of activities including Orienteering, Indoor Laser, Environmental Art, Volley Ball, Leap of Faith and Archery.

Whole School Mass

The Year 6 Leavers mass, to be attended by the whole school, takes place on Thursday 19th July, 9 am at SS John Fisher & Thomas More.

All children are to be dropped off at the church by 8.55 am.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Parents of Year 6 pupils only are invited to their last class assembly on Friday 20th July at 10 am, when we formally say good bye to a wonderful group of children.

School Council

Recently members of the School Council gave a presentation to the full Governing Body. It was a wonderful afternoon where they outlined their campaigns and actions over the last year. The Governing Body praised them for their maturity and clarity.

Parental Support

Many thanks to all families for your continued support of your children this year, ensuring that your child is ready to learn, is punctual, is wearing the correct uniform and returns their homework on time. By reinforcing good learning habits and being interested in your child’s education, you are making it easier for your child to develop.

PTA

Thank you to all the members of the PTA Committee and to all of you who have helped at a number of PTA events this year, you have made a difference for your child and other children. The provisional total for the funds raised from the Summer events is approximately an amazing £3,500.00.
School Inset Days

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<td>Tuesday 4th September 2018</td>
<td>No attendance for students</td>
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<td>Monday 29th October 2018</td>
<td>No attendance for students</td>
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<td>Half term Holiday October 2018</td>
<td>Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October 2018</td>
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<td>Thursday 20th December 2018</td>
<td>Last day of the autumn term finishes at 1pm</td>
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Please find all the Term Dates for 2018/19 overleaf

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Thank You and Goodbye

The school would like to thank:

Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Wilkins and Mrs Kennedy for their service and dedication to the children of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School.

Thank you and Goodbye from Mrs Wood

I should like to say “thank you” to all the children, their families and staff (including Mr Ryan and colleagues from across the partnership) and the Governors of this school, whom I have worked with over the last three years. I will leave St Thomas More School with hundreds of great memories of children who have grown.

Children shine, children sigh, they walk tall with pride.
They open their eyes and minds to the joys of learning.
A child talks quietly, with sadness in their eye.
They bounce back and run off as though the last few minutes never happened.
They laugh, they sing, and worship with glee.
Their prayers, their words touch my spirit and teach me that God is free to all.
They run, they strive, they question. They talk with pride.
“We can change this. Why does that happen? Why can’t we …?
What if …? When will …? Could we…? How does that work?”
Adults look on in wonder and pride as another group of children grow and move forward, eager to shape their world.

I should like to wish Mr Jamieson well as he takes over as Head of School in September 2018, I am confident that the school will continue to grow and flourish.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wood
Headteacher

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Term date 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018*

Term 1  Tuesday 4 September – Friday 19 October 2018

  Tues 4 September INSET DAY (no attendance for pupils)
  Wed 5 September Term starts for pupils

Half Term Holiday Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October 2018

Term 2  Monday 29 October - Friday 21 December 2018

  (Thursday 20 December 2018 1pm finish)

  Monday 29 October INSET DAY (no attendance for pupils)
  Friday 21 December INSET DAY (no attendance for pupils)

Christmas Holiday Monday 24 December 2018 – Friday 4 January 2019

Spring Term 2019*

Term 3  Monday 7 January – Friday 15 February 2019

  Half Term Holiday Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February 2019

Term 4  Monday 25 February – Friday 5 April 2019 (1pm finish)

  Easter Holiday Monday 8 April – Monday 22 April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Term 5  Tuesday 23 April – Friday 24 May 2019

  May Day  Monday 6 May 2019

  Half Term Holiday Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2019

Term 6  Monday 3 June – Thursday 18 July 2019 (1pm finish)

*Additional Twilight & INSET to be confirmed

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